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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on US-Soviet Space Cooperation for Nancy Lubin, Office of Technology Assessment (OTA)

1. On 5 September 1984, Nancy Lubin, a staffer in the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA), was briefed at her request on technology-transfer questions as they pertain to Soviet-US cooperation in past and future joint space programs. Ms. Lubin explained that OTA was asked by three US Senators to do a study on what risks the US would entail by resuming cooperative space projects that have essentially ended since the USSR invaded Afghanistan in 1979. She said that there is some sentiment in Congress for renewing the joint programs in hopes that this would help reduce US-Soviet tension.

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2. Office of Science and Weapons Research (OSWR) Space Missions Branch Chief [redacted] of OSWR's Technology Transfer Assessment Center provided the briefing. They discussed the pre-1979 process for evaluating proposals for joint space projects and the present concerns about potential tech-transfer losses from renewed joint space endeavors. [redacted] emphasized CIA's role as that of evaluating such proposals and rendering an opinion about the value to US intelligence rather than initiating project proposals.

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3. Ms. Lubin agreed to provide a copy of her trip report to the USSR upon its completion. We offered to send her the Agency's unclassified report on technology transfer losses. There are no other matters outstanding.

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